

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid comprising bases 89-1060 of SEQ ID NO:1.
2. (withdrawn—currently amended) ~~An isolated A protein consisting of an the amino acid sequence shown by of~~ SEQ ID NO:2.

Claims 3-4 canceled.

5. (currently amended) A plant which is transgenic for ~~transformed with the~~ nucleic acid of claim 4 20.
6. (currently amended) A plant cell which is transgenic for ~~transformed with the~~ nucleic acid of claim 4 20.
7. (currently amended) A method of growing a plant comprising transforming said plant with the nucleic acid of claim 4, 20 such that allowing said the protein encoded by said nucleic acid to be is expressed in said the transformed plant and growing said plant, wherein said the transformed plant will grow grows larger than a plant not transformed with said nucleic acid.

Claims 8-10 canceled.

11. (currently amended) A method of growing a plant transgenic for NAC1 larger than increasing the growth of a plant not transgenic for NAC1, the method comprising overexpressing the protein of SEQ ID NO. 2 NAC1 in said plant transgenic for NAC1 and wherein the expression of NAC1 causes the transgenic plant to grow larger than the non transgenic plant.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said plant transgenic for NAC1 produces larger leaves than ~~said a plant not transgenic for NAC1 overexpressing said protein.~~
13. (currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said plant transgenic for NAC1 produces larger roots than ~~said a plant not transgenic for NAC1 overexpressing said protein.~~
14. (currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said plant transgenic for NAC1 produces more lateral roots than ~~said a plant not transgenic for NAC1 overexpressing said protein.~~
15. (currently amended) A method of growing a plant transgenic for NAC1 larger than a plant not transgenic for NAC1, the method increasing the growth of a plant comprising transforming said plant with a nucleic acid encoding the overexpressing in said transgenic plant a protein of SEQ ID NO:2 or a protein that is at least 70% sequence identical to SEQ ID NO:2 and can form dimers, bind to the same DNA binding sites as NAC1 and cause wherein said plants plant transformed with a nucleic acid expressing the protein to grow grows larger than a plant not transformed with a said nucleic acid expressing the protein.
16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said plant transgenic for NAC1 produces larger leaves than said a plant not transgenic for NAC1 transformed with said nucleic acid.
17. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said plant transgenic for NAC1 produces larger roots than said a plant not transgenic for NAC1 transformed with said nucleic acid.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said plant ~~transgenic for NAC1~~ produces more lateral roots than ~~said a plant not transgenic for NAC1 not transformed with said nucleic acid.~~

Claim 19 canceled.

20. (previously presented) A nucleic acid encoding the protein of SEQ ID NO:2.

Claims 21-23 canceled.